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PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Waiver Request – Contract Award
Action Item

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TIME EXTENSION REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-99-25
GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATING, MONITORING, AND AUDITING
FUNDS FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

PROPOSITION 116 BOND PROGRAM
Waiver-00-28

ISSUE

Resolution G-99-25, *Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing of Funds for Local Assistance Projects*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on August 18, 1999, stipulates that allocated funds must be encumbered by the award of a contract within twelve (12) months of the date of the allocation; and recipients have up to 36 months after award of the contract to complete a construction or vehicle purchase project. The Commission applied these requirements to projects funded by the Proposition 116 program.

The City of Oakland has requested a 6 month time extension, to November 5, 2000, to award the contract for the Bay Trail – Oakland Embarcadero project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of the City of Oakland's request for extension to November 5, 2000.

SUMMARY

On May 5, 1999, the Commission adopted Resolution BFP-98-28 allocating \$800,000 in Proposition 116 Competitive Bicycle Program funds to the City of Oakland for the Bay Trail – Oakland Embarcadero project. The project includes construction of 3.2 miles of Class I, II, and III bikeways with rubberized railroad crossings, new sidewalk, curb and gutter, street trees, median landscaping, truck parking islands, historical markers, public art, and interpretative/directional signs.

Several factors have delayed the contract award for the City's project.

- By the time the funds were allocated, the city's project manager had resigned and the city was in the process of hiring a replacement.
- During the design phase, the city determined that some of the existing pavement in the project area was in need of replacement. Because the road in need of repaving is under the jurisdiction of the Port of Oakland, additional coordination with the Port was required.
- The city recently implemented a new policy that requires preparation of a report and City Council action whenever implementation of a bikeway project would result in a loss of vehicle parking or loss of a vehicle lane. The City Council will act on a report regarding the Bay Trail project's impact under the new policy on May 2, 2000. The city is prepared to advertise the project as soon as the City Council approves the report. Compliance with the new policy delayed the project approximately 3 months.

The City expects to award the contract in June or July 2000. To date, no reimbursements have been made against the \$800,000 allocation for this project.